

**JOINT STATEMENT  
ON COUNTERING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING**

**U.S.-RUSSIA BILATERAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 21, 2010**

*Recalling* President of the Russian Federation Dmitry A. Medvedev and the President of the United States of America Barak Obama's initiative of July 6, 2009 to create the Working Group on Counternarcotics (hereinafter "the Working Group") within the framework of the U.S.-Russia Presidential Commission;

Fulfilling the understanding reached during the meeting of the Working Group on February 4, 2010, in Moscow and the meeting of the Working Group on October 21, 2010 in Washington D.C.;

Have today, in the course of the meeting, delivered reports and exchanged views on the following issues:

- On cooperation between the Russian Federal Narcotics Control Service (FSKN) and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on countering narcotics trafficking;
- On the results of the work of sub-group "A" (on joint cooperation to combat illicit finance related to Afghan narcotics smuggling.)
- On improving a system of measures to reduce the demand for narcotics within the implementation of the "Russian Federation State Strategy of Anti-Narcotic Policy until 2020."

Have also taken the following steps:

1. Decided to invigorate operational cooperation between Russia's FSKN and the U.S. DEA on measures directed at liquidating narcotics laboratories in Afghanistan and suppressing the activities of Afghan facilitators of narcotics trafficking networks.
2. Discussed proposals for enhancing the cooperation of the law enforcement agencies of the countries of the Central Asian region, through the Northern Drug Trafficking Route, both by strengthening existing regional law enforcement entities such as the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Center

(CARICC), as well as bilaterally between the FSKN of Russia and the U.S. DEA, with the goal of countering narcotics trafficking.

3. Approved the Action Plan of sub-group "A" of the Working Group in relation to combating illicit financial flows associated with Afghan narcotics trafficking (Appendix No. 1).

4. Reached an understanding within sub-group "B" to invigorate the exchange of experience and information on the prevention of drug abuse, organization of a process of comprehensive assistance to those who abuse drugs or are drug dependent, including treatment, recovery and social rehabilitation.

5. Decided to continue to exchange information on the work of Drug Courts to study the feasibility of implementing this mechanism in the legal system of the Russian Federation.

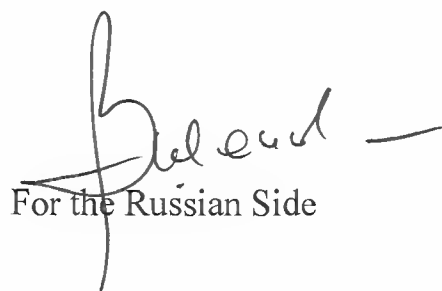
The meeting took place in a constructive, friendly atmosphere. A list of meeting participants is provided in Appendix No. 2.

Participants intend to hold the next meeting of the Working Group in the first half of 2011.

This Statement was signed in Washington, D.C. on October 21, 2010, in both English and Russian.



For the U.S. Side



For the Russian Side